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SUBJECT: Philippine Coup Reporting

Here is a recap of items we have published so far this year related to the possibility of a coup in the Philippines.

- 27 Nov 89 The return of Danding Cojuangco will invigorate Aquino's opposition; Aquino believes he backed earlier coup attempts.
- 4 Nov 89 Coup rumors typically increase when Aquino travels abroad.
- 14 Sep 89 Polling data show growing concern about corruption and government inefficiency; Aquino slipping in polls.
- 7 Jul 89 Rightwing opponents planning coup while Aquino in Western Europe.
- 10 Jun 89 Dissident soldiers plan to assassinate Aquino during Independence Day celebrations.
- 5 May 89 (IEEW) Corruption is taking a heavy political toll and is of growing concern of the military.
- 14 Apr 89 Military reassigns officers to hinder coup plotting.
- 20 Mar 89 Congressional anticorruption campaign risks coup plotting.
- 10 Mar 89 Prominent coup-plotting renegade captured.
- 16 Feb 89 Security forces on alert for Honasan-inspired coup attempt; issues are defense budget, corruption, government indecisiveness.
- 21 Jan 89 Anti-government scheming by Honasan and colleagues.

By the way, a quick SAFE search shows at least 1,100 coup-related reports in 1988; so far in 1989 the total is almost 900.

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